STAT Declassified in Part - Sanitized Copy Approved for Release 2014/01/31 : CIA-RDP73-00475R000302160001-5

El Mundo, August 27, 1964, San Juan, Puerto Rico
To Avoid an Election Strike

The MPI Claims Munoz Retired on Orders from Washington

Вy

Bienvenido Ortiz Otero

The Movement for Independence is assuring the Puerto Rican people that the decision of Governor Muñoz Marin to retire from the government was based on orders from Washington that he visit the countryside and the towns to combat the election strike campaign of the MPI.

They say that the decision of Muñoz Marin thank place at a time when the election strike campaign is increasing in intensity throughout the country, since the "colonial crisis" is becoming more obvious and the collapse of the government party, more apparent, as the independence movement approaches the people more and more.

They claim that "Imperialism was seeking a desperate way out from the crisis we have been creating for it in Puerto Rico and the solution has been the most desperate one of taking Munoz Marin out of the Fortaleza (Fortress) and sending him out to combat the election strike. They believe Munoz is the only person who will be able to stop us".

In the last number of its Weekly Letter, the MPI says that more than twenty five years have elapsed and the working class and peasant youth of today do not get excited by the colonial preachings of a politician who has been by-passed by history.

Continuing it points out that Muñoz Marin represents, in addition to Imperialism and Colonialism, the Past. "His strength lies in a party which is consumed by its own internal vices, which does not represent the Puerto